

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 21 are pending. Claims 2, 4 to 6, 8 and 20 are withdrawn.

No claims are allowed.

1. The Examiner indicates that the disclosure and claims are objected to under 37 CFR 1.71 as being of poor resolution and difficult to read. The Applicant has therefore resubmitted the disclosure including the originally filed claims and the abstract as a substitute specification. The substitute specification is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.125(b) and does not include new matter.

2. The Examiner indicates that the present application contains claims directed to patentably distinct inventions. In particular, claims 1 and 3 to 21 are directed to an acetabular impactor (Group I) and claim 2 is directed to an acetabular impactor (Group II). The Applicants elect to prosecute the Group I invention of claims 1 and 3 to 21 and withdraw the Group II claim 2, with traverse. However, claim 2 has been amended into a dependent form hinging from independent claim 1. Therefore, it is believed the restriction requirement has been overcome.

Further, the Examiner indicates that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The species are: FIGS. 1A to 3D and 5 (Species 1), FIGS. 6A to 8 (Species 2) and FIGS. 9A to 10C (Species 3). In that respect, the Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9 to 19 and 21 directed to Species 2 of FIGS. 6A to 8 and to

withdraw claims 4 to 6, 8 and 20.

However, the applicant reserve the right to re-file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected invention and the withdrawn species.

A substantive examination on the merits of the pending claims is requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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